

# **THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

## **Notice of Comment Period and Stakeholder Meetings:**

### **BPU Strategic Plan 2004-2008 and Beyond**

- The Board has developed a Draft Strategic Plan that contains long range Goals and Objectives for the period 2004-2008 and beyond;
- Once finalized, the Strategic Plan will guide the Board's activities, both internally and externally;
- Through this announcement the Board is soliciting public input through a series of stakeholder meetings on the Strategic Plan;
- The Draft Strategic Plan is included with this notice.

#### **Strategic Plan Public Outreach Process**

- The Board will hold 4 open public stakeholder meetings to solicit comments on the Draft Strategic Plan for each of the four goals on the following dates:

August 11, 2004 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Goal A  
August 11, 2004 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Goal B  
August 12, 2004 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Goal C  
August 12, 2004 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Goal D

- The meetings will be held in the Board's hearing room at Two Gateway Center in Newark;
- The Board will hold a final wrap-up meeting on September 9, 2004 at 10:00 am to review changes to the Strategic Plan;
- A final comment period of 14 days will be provided for written comments following the September 9, 2004 meeting;
- All written comments should be sent no later than September 23, 2004 to:  
Dr. Bharat C. Patel  
Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue,  
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Trenton, NJ 08625

#### **Goals of the strategic plan stakeholder meeting(s):**

- To bring together stakeholders who could potentially be affected by the BPU's Strategic Plan;
- To provide for a thorough and thoughtful discussion of issues with experts and affected parties;
- To provide Board staff with input from the diverse interests affected in order to ensure that the Goals and Objectives in the Strategic Plan successfully address the desired policy outcomes in a practical and timely manner.

**What the stakeholder meetings are not:**

- Not a forum for formal comments or testimony.
- Not a decision making meeting. These meetings are to ensure that Board staff hears from diverse interests and is fully informed on the issues and the concerns of stakeholders as it formulates the final Strategic Plan.
- Not an adversarial proceeding. The goal is to exchange ideas in a respectful manner in order to gain a better understanding of the issues.

***RSVP and/or questions should be sent to***

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